Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush comprising:

a handle which contains an electric motor and an electrical power supply,

a head part connected to the handle to thereby define a longitudinal direction between the handle and the head part, the handle having longitudinally opposed ends, the head part ~~and~~ incorporating an oral hygiene part to be driven in motion by the electric motor,

a transmission means including a drive shaft between the electric motor and the oral hygiene part, the head part being flexibly and resiliently connected to the handle such that the head part can move resiliently under pressure of the oral hygiene part against a tooth surface,

the electric motor being moveably mounted within the handle,

wherein ~~and~~ the head part and electric motor are connected together such that said movement of the head part under the pressure of the oral hygiene part against a tooth surface is communicated to the electric motor to cause the electric motor to move in response to said movement~~, *characterised* in that:~~

wherein the ~~assembly of~~ electric motor and transmission means ~~is~~ are pivotally connected to the handle at a pivot point between the ~~brush~~ head part and the electric motor, the pivot point is provided by the handle having a resiliently flexible section, and the transmission means passes through the resiliently flexible section,

wherein the resiliently flexible section is in two longitudinally disposed parts, a first part being relatively longitudinally further from the brush head and a second part being relatively longitudinally closer to the brush head,

wherein the drive shaft passes through the second part of the handle in a direction toward the head part, with a resiliently flexible connection between the first and second parts, the resiliently flexible connection being provided by means of a composite plastic material – elastomer material section between the first and second part and which comprises a plastic material section between the first and second parts incorporating one or plural apertures in the plastic material and which apertures contain the elastomer material.

2. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~assembly of motor and transmission means is pivotally connected to the handle at a~~ pivot point is located along the drive shaft between the electric motor and the brush head.

3. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the transmission means includes a gearbox and the ~~assembly of~~ motor and transmission means ~~is~~ are pivotally connected to the handle at a pivot point located along the drive shaft between the gear box and the brush head.

4. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pivot point allows the head part to move pivotally within the envelope of a cone with its apex at the pivot point, or about an arc centred on the pivot point.

Claims 5-9(Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim ~~9~~ 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the one or plural apertures are in the form of elongate slots elongated in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction.

11. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the handle comprises a shell made of a plastics material and enclosing ~~the~~ internal components of the handle, and the drive shaft passes through the shell.

12. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 11 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the electric motor or the ~~assembly of~~ electric motor and transmission means ~~may be~~ are unsupported within the handle except at the point at which the drive shaft passes through the shell,

13. (Currently Amended)An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a sleeve is provided having a bore through which the

drive shaft passes, and the drive shaft passes through the resiliently flexible section via the sleeve.

14. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 13 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the sleeve is rigidly connected to the ~~first~~ second part of the ~~shell~~ handle.

15. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the drive shaft comprises a stub shaft extending from the end of the handle closest to the ~~brush~~ head part, and to which a replaceable head part may be connected.

16. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the transmission means transmits rotary motion to the ~~brush~~ head part to drive the ~~brush head~~ oral hygiene part in rotary oral hygiene motion.

17. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the transmission means transmits motion to the ~~brush~~ head part to drive the ~~brush head~~
oral hygiene part in motion in which the oral hygiene part is moved both reciprocally longitudinally ~~in the head part – handle direction~~ and also in oscillatory rotation about a rotation axis generally parallel to the longitudinal direction.

18. (Currently Amended) A handle for an electrically powered toothbrush ~~is provided~~, the handle being elongate along a longitudinal direction between longitudinally opposite ends, ~~comprising~~:
~~a~~ the handle ~~which~~ comprising:

an electric motor and an electrical power supply, and having a connection at one end which is attachable to a toothbrush head part incorporating an oral hygiene part,

a transmission means ~~between~~ including a drive shaft connected to the electric motor and able to transmit motion from the electric motor to the head part when attached to thereby move the oral hygiene part in a suitable oral hygiene motion ~~and the oral hygiene part~~

~~the head part being flexibly and resiliently connected to the handle such that the head part can move resiliently under pressure of the oral hygiene part against a tooth surface~~,

wherein the electric motor ~~being~~ is moveably mounted within the handle, ~~and the head part and motor are connected together such that said movement of the head part under the pressure of the oral hygiene part against a tooth surface is communicated to the motor to cause the motor to move in response to said movement,~~ ~~*characterised* in that~~:

the ~~assembly of~~ electric motor and transmission means ~~is~~ being pivotally connected to the handle at a pivot point ~~between the brush head and the motor,~~ provided by the handle having a resiliently flexible section, the transmission means passing through this resiliently flexible section,

wherein the resiliently flexible section is in two longitudinally disposed parts, a first part relatively longitudinally further from the connection and a second part relatively longitudinally closer to the connection,

wherein the drive shaft passing through the second part of the handle, with a resiliently flexible connection between the first and second parts, the resiliently flexible connection being provided by means of a composite plastics material – elastomer material section between the first and second part and which comprises a plastics material section between the first and second parts incorporating one or plural apertures in the plastics material and which apertures contain the elastomer material.